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SUBJECT: PRIMIN KIM'S VISIT TO JAPAN

1. PRIMIN'S SECRETARY, HAN SANG-KUK, WHO ACCOMPANIED PRIMIN TO TOKYO, GAVE POLCOUNSELOR FOLLOWING BACKGROUND ON PRIMIN KIM'S MEETING WITH JAPANESE PRIMIN TANAKA AND FONMIN OHIRA TO RESOLVE KIM TAE-CHUNG CASE.

2. ACCORDING HAN, SESSION BEGAN WITH TANAKA ADOPTING "HIGHLY OFFICIAL" POSITION WHICH APPEARED TO CALL TO QUESTION SOME ASPECTS OF COMPROMISE AGREEMENT AS EARLIER REACHED. PRIMIN KIM WAS TAKEN ABACK AND ASKED WHETHER TANAKA WAS SERIOUS OR WHETHER HIS INITIAL REMARKS WERE "FOR THE RECORD". AT THAT, TANAKA LAUGHED AND CONFIRMED THAT HE HAD ONLY BEEN SPEAKING FOR THE RECORD. FROM THAT POINT MEETING PROCEEDED EXTREMELY AMICABLY WITH TANAKA READILY CONFIRMING THE PREVIOUSLY AGREED UPON UNDERSTANDINGS RE SETTLEMENT OF THE CASE. IN COURSE OF DISCUSSION, HE SAID, FONMIN OHIRA ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS
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DID TRY TO REOPEN CERTAIN "LEGAL" POINTS, PARTICULARLY

WITH REGARD TO KIM TONG-UN. HOWEVER, TANAKA OVER-RODE OHIRA AND TOLD PRIMIN THAT KIM TAE-CHUNG CASE WAS NOW CLOSED "AS A DIPLOMATIC ISSUE" BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES.

3. HAN SAID TANAKA MADE CLEAR THAT HE DID NOT WANT KIM TAE-CHUNG IN JAPAN AND SEEMED INDIFFERENT AS TO WHETHER KIM PROCEEDED ABROAD TO US OR NOT. PRIMIN KIM'S CONCLUSION WAS THAT TANAKA IS SIMPLY NOT INTERESTED IN KIM TAE-CHUNG.

4. WITH REGARD TO MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE, HAN SAID IT WAS DECIDED, AT PRIMIN KIM'S REQUEST, NOT TO EXPLICITLY LINK KIM TAE-CHUNG SETTLEMENT TO AN ANNOUNCEMENT OF SPECIFIC DATES FOR THE CONFERENCE. HOWEVER, IT WAS INFORMALLY AGREED THAT THE MINISTERIAL MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE ON A DATE BETWEEN DECEMBER 15-20, WITH THE DETAILS TO BE WORKED OUT BY THE APPROPRIATE MINISTRIES.
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